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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - ITEM 18, ILLICIT PAYMENTS,
TNC COMMISSION RESOLUTION

REFS: (A) GENEVA 10547; (B) STATE 132076

1. WE HAVE REPEATED TO YOU BY SEPARATE CABLE REFTEL (B)
FINAL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO USDEL AT VIENNA MAY 16-26
MEETING OF COMMISSION ON TNCS REGARDING RESOLUTION ON
SOUTHERN AFRICA MENTIONED IN REFTEL (A). IN THE ABSENCE
OF SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE DEVELOPMENTS, THESE INSTRUCTIONS
AS CONFIRMED IN U.S. POSITION PAPER ON ITEM 18 (TNCS)
CONTINUE TO BE VALID WHEN ISSUE ARISES REGARDING RESOLUTION
ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AT CURRENT ECOSOC MEETING. IF THE
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G-77 SHOULD INITIATE NEGOTIATION TO CHANGE THIS RESOLUTION
WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING SUPPORT OF WESTERN DELEGATIONS WE
WILL PROVIDE YOU FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. WE ARE PREPARED TO LIVE WITH BRACKETED ARTICLE 7 IN
THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS TEXT FOR THE TIME-BEING IN ANY CASE, WE
HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT OPENING NEGOTIATIONS ON

THIS ISSUE BECAUSE, IF THEY WERE TO FAIL, THEY COULD RESULT
IN JEOPARDIZING OUR EFFORTS TO SCHEDULE A DIPLOMATIC

CONFERENCE.

3. AN ADDITIONAL COMPLICATION IS THE NEED TO AVOID STEPS
WHICH WOULD CAUSE SOUTH AFRICA TO BACK AWAY FROM A NAMIBIA
SETTLEMENT. WE EXPECT TO HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME PERSUAD-
ING SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS TO GO ALONG WITH THE SCENARIO
WHICH CAME OUT OF THE LUANDA MEETING WITH THE FRONT LINE
AND SWAPO AND WISH TO AVOID NEW CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WITH
THEM WHERE POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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